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Synopsis:

Efforts at Miami, Fla. to locate a pool hall and the office of an anti-CASTRO organization where GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL, inmate of the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, Jessup, Md., claims he met accomplice of OSWALD and OSWALD himself about 5/63, resulted negatively.

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The following investigation is based on statements of GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL, who was interviewed on November 23, 1963, while an inmate at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for mental defectives at Jessup, Maryland. He claimed to have recognized LEE HARVEY OSWALD as one of four persons in a pro-CASTRO group which he previously reported as plotting to kill U. S. Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY:

When TRAPNELL, on August 19, 1963, furnished the information concerning the plot to assassinate the Attorney General, he was located in the County Jail at Chestertown, Maryland. He identified the conspirators in Miami, Florida, as MIGUEL AMADOR FUENTES, ANTONIO VENTURA BART, the latter's wife, CECILIA, and Mr. SOUSA.

Investigation during August, 1963, into the alleged plot against Attorney General KENNEDY failed to develop the identities of the co-conspirators or the building where the meeting of the co-conspirators and TRAPNELL, in Miami, was alleged to have occurred.

Upon interview on November 23, 1963, TRAPNELL stated the conspirator he had identified in August, 1963, as ANTONIO VENTURA BART was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who had been introduced to him as OSWALDO. Also, upon interview on November 23, 1963, TRAPNELL stated he had met MIGUEL AMADOR FUENTES about May or June, 1963, in a pool hall located on Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. He went with FUENTES from the pool hall to a building located on the Tamiami Trail and 9th, 10th, or 11th Streets, where he met the co-conspirators

of FUENTES, including one introduced as OSWALDO.

TRAPNELL described the pool hall where he met FUENTES as located on Flagler Street, four or five blocks west of the bridge (Miami River bridge). He said the pool hall was a Cuban hangout with a Spanish name, which is translated to "The Blue Star," or something similar. Also, the pool hall was described as a combination bar and pool room, with two pool tables on the right and a bar on the left, as viewed from the entrance. Further, in the same block as the pool hall, according to TRAPNELL, was a store where Cuban cigars were made.

On January 10, 1964, observation conducted along West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, in an effort to locate the pool hall referred to by TRAPNELL, resulted in locating the "El Tunero" pool hall at 479 W. Flagler Street. This pool hall has no bar, and contained three pool tables. It is located next to the Varadero Cafe at 481 W. Flagler, which is painted blue-green, and which advertises "Estrella" (star) coffee. There is no store or business engaged in the manufacture of cigars located in the block with the "El Tunero" pool hall, which block is the second one west of the Miami River Bridge on Flagler Street. Observations along West Flagler Street for ten blocks west of the Flagler Street Bridge revealed no combination pool hall-bar such as described by TRAPNELL.

On January 10, 1964, SIMON CAMACHO, owner of the Camacho cigar-making business located at 307 W. Flagler

Street (east of the bridge), advised that there is no pool hall in the block in which his store is located, and that the only other cigar-manufacturing business on West Flagler Street is located at West Flagler and 18th Avenue.

At 1872 W. Flagler Street, Miami, it was observed that the Havana Tobacco Cigar Company is located, and that there is no pool hall in that block or area.

With respect to the building where TRAPNELL said FUENTES introduced him to co-conspirators in the assassination plot against Attorney General KENNEDY, TRAPNELL recalled as follows, during the interview on November 22, 1963:

Upon leaving the pool room on Flagler Street with MIGUEL FUENTES, they proceeded west on Flagler Street and drove to the area of Tamiami Trial and the intersection of 9th, 10th, or 11th Streets, where there was a small building on the corner with the words "Popular Front," or "Student Union," written in Spanish thereon. This building was one story, and inside was located a mess hall-type table of metal frame, collapsible legs, and soft top. Also inside was a closet, and to the rear, a latrine and a rear door. A group of houses were said to be located at the rear of this building.

A search for this building was conducted on January 10, 1964. It is noted that the Tamiami Trail in Miami is Southwest 8th Street, and that Southwest 9th, 10th, and 11th Streets run parallel to Tamiami Trail. Accordingly, the search was conducted to include Tamiami Trail and

Southwest 9th, 10th, and 11th Avenues, the avenues running perpendicular to the streets in Miami.

A street-by-street search for a building such as described by TRAPNELL was conducted in the area from West Flagler Street on the north, to Southwest 11th Street on the south, and from 8th Avenue on the east, to 12th Avenue on the west. The only building observed to be similar to that described by TRAPNELL was one located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Southwest 1st Street and 11th Avenue.

It was observed that this is a multiple unit office or store-type building, and the corner unit of the building is occupied by the Cuban exile organization Partido Revolucionario Cubano - Autentico (PRC)(Cuban Revolutionary Party - Authentic). A large sign over the doorway of this office carries the name of the organization, and on the window of the office are the Spanish words "Delegacion General en el Exilio" (General Delegation in Exile).

On January 10, 1964, NOEL DEL PINO PEREZ, Secretary of the PRC, stated that that office has been located in the same building at 1100 S. W. 1st Street for the past two years. He said he never heard of MIGUEL AMADOR FUENTES or GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL, and had no indication that an individual possibly identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD had ever visited the offices of the PRC.

It was noted that the office of the PRC is basically one large room which is partitioned into a cubicle

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office, and another cubicle used for general storage. Also, at the rear of the office is a washroom and a door is located at the back of the office, opening into an alleyway. Across the alleyway is a small frame house. The storage cubicle in the office was observed to contain no firearms or related material. In the front of the office there is a short, bare wood-top table supported by two wooden horses.

On January 13, 1964, photographs were taken of the El Tunero Pool Hall located next to the Varadero Cafe in the 400 Block of West Flagler Street, and of the offices of the PRC located at 1100 S. W. 1st Street Miami, for subsequent display to GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL.

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